

ECONOMICS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

Spring '24

Interns can expect to work 8-10 hours per week.

All positions pay \$15/hour.

Project: REDI @ CSU – Developing Novel Digital Dashboards for Rural Colorado

- Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stephan Weiler
- Description: The research project will continue an ongoing REDI@CSU effort to develop a digital dashboard for Colorado counties, focusing on measures of entrepreneurship, socio-economic conditions, and economic growth. The student will work with both the mentor and REDI@CSU graduate research assistants to brainstorm, develop, and distribute these metrics, particularly to rural counties which face steep informational asymmetries regarding their economic viabilities. The student will help create literature reviews in support of the metrics, work with secondary data, and communicate both metrics and analytical findings to key constituencies.
- Essential skills: Spreadsheets, data management, statistics/econometrics, written communication, internet search skills; knowledge of Python, R, or STATA would be welcome but is not required. Preference given to candidates who are familiar with REDI.

Project: Labor Union Data Processing (2 positions available)

- Faculty Mentor: Dr. Zachary Schaller
- Description: The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) manages elections for workers who want to unionize in the U.S. The data on these elections is rich, but sometimes messy. This position will assist with data cleaning and processing for a paper on the geospatial distribution of labor union elections. Responsibilities center around Investigating oddities in a messy dataset and cleaning them as appropriate. As time allows, interns will learn data management in R. Interns may also explore their own research questions using the newly cleaned data.
- Essential skills: Spreadsheets, data management, written communication; patience and attention to detail is particularly important for this position.

Project: REDI@CSU-Developing this Institute's Social Media Presence

- Faculty mentor: Dr. Anita Alves Pena
- Description: The Regional Economic Development Institute (REDI) is in need of a social media intern. We are looking for a creative person who is familiar with using social media platforms including TikTok, Twitter/X, Instagram and Facebook. Internship responsibilities will include generating and

regularly posting original content that highlights REDI activities while keeping within CSU guidelines for social media presence.

- Essential skills: positive attitude, responsibility, written and oral communication skills, experience with a wide variety of social media platforms. Preference given to candidates who have been involved in content for social media for groups in addition to personal accounts.